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Ukraine basketballers like Mississippi

By Tony Martin
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Once more, sports is shown to be a universal language — and a means to communicate the Gospel even in subtle ways.

while in my country and were warmly received."

Before arriving in Mississippi, the Veteran's team had just played against 20 other international teams in competition at Walt Disney World's Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando.

The team placed fifth at the competition, known as the Seventh World Maxi Basketball Championships. Through joint sponsorship with Orlando Association and Pinelake Church, the team's expenses were paid, enabling them to make the trip to the U.S.

"The coach's wife became a Christian," said Datsko, "and I became involved in the team through her involvement in our church and her friendship with my wife."

"God opened the doors for us," Datsko continued. "We had a financial sponsor who was going to help us get to the United States, but he died. So Baptists from Orlando and Brandon stepped in, and here we are."

The veteran players ranged in age from 30-70 and have been a registered organization in Ukraine since 1997.

"Some of the older guys played on the Soviet basketball team," said Shelby Neese, missions pastor at Pinelake Church. "So, they were thoroughly indoctrinated in Communism, because the government didn't want them defecting."

During the team's time in the Jackson area, one highlight for the players was the opportunity to help serve a meal at Stewpot Community Services. Stewpot, which offers a wide range of social ministries in the Jackson area, used the team in their meal facility.

"Those men were a real asset to us at mealtime," said Dexter Branscome, director of in-kind donations at Stewpot. Rod Morris, missions associate at Pinelake Church, said, "We wanted to show the team just how diverse America is. They really got a fresh view of things here."

The team also toured the Mississippi State Capitol while in Jackson. State Representative Clayton Smith, a member at Pinelake, accompanied the group and shared some insights on the workings of state government.

The team seemed fascinated by the exposure to American government. Datsko noted that prayer was offered at the beginning of each legislative session in Mississippi but wasn't allowed in public schools.

The Ukrainian team lost to the Sons of Thunder team from Pinelake Church during their

visit. The team also toured Baptist-affiliated William Carey College (WCC) in Hattiesburg.

At WCC, the team attended a pizza lunch and Christian concert, toured the campus, visited the Lucille Parker Art Gallery, and was honored at a reception.

Yevgeni Petrov, one of the players, said, "I like Mississippi, Atlanta, and Orlando. People are nice and smile."

Although the language barrier was hard at times with 11 Ukrainians and only one interpreter, students found other ways of communicating.

"I think smiling was the easiest way to communicate with them," said Vicki Hall, a WCC theater major from Raleigh. "I'd smile and point at the pizza, then the drinks, then the table. It was nice to see them bow their heads when we prayed and respond to the music."

Morris, who coordinated much of the team's activities while visiting Mississippi, said, "I think the team felt very welcome here. While they were in Florida they stayed in hotels, but here they stayed in homes. They had great hospitality, and saying goodbye was actually pretty emotional."

The team continued on to the metro Atlanta area after leaving Jackson.

Jeanna Graves, WCC public relations assistant, contributed to this article.



WELCOME TO AMERICA — The Ukrainian Championship Veterans Basketball Team visited the William Carey College (WCC) campus in Hattiesburg on September 18. WCC student Corrie Covington (front row, second from left) of Granbury, Texas, served as translator. Others involved in the visit included were Pastor Sergei Datsko, (front row, second from left), Rod Morris (front row, fourth from left), missions associate at Pinelake Church, Brandon, and Milton Wheeler (front row, third from right), WCC professor of history. (Photo courtesy of WCC/Jeanne Graves)

The Jackson area played host to the Championship Veterans Basketball Team from Ukraine on September 15-20. Pinelake Church, Brandon, hosted the group of 11 people.

According to Ukrainian pastor Sergiy Datsko, the team had an opportunity to play against the Sons of Thunder, the basketball team from Pinelake, during a visit to Ukraine in 2000.

"The two teams met on a professional level," said Datsko, speaking through an interpreter. "The Sons of Thunder visited several schools

Slate of speakers set for '03 Pastors Conference

JACKSON, Miss. (Special) — The 2003 Mississippi Baptist Pastors Conference will be held October 27 at First Church, Jackson with the afternoon session beginning at 1:30 p.m. and the evening session beginning at 7 p.m.

Boo Dominy, senior pastor of Park Place Church in Pearl and president of the Pastors' Conference, selected the theme, Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God, for the conference. Each of the speakers will speak about a different aspect of the Kingdom of God.



Boone

In the afternoon session, Don Boone, pastor of First Church, Louisville, will speak about Kingdom Membership.

Next, Shannon Marshall will speak on Kingdom Preaching. Marshall is the pastor of Steep Hollow Church in Poplarville.

Concluding the afternoon session, Gene Henderson will preach about Kingdom Ministry. Henderson is the senior pastor of First Church, Brandon.

Ronnie Nielsen, minister of music at Park Place Church, will lead worship in the afternoon and

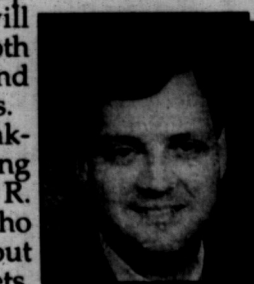


Henderson

Gospel group NewSong, will also sing in both afternoon and evening sessions.

The first speaker for the evening session will be R. Al Mohler, Jr, who will speak about Kingdom Secrets. Mohler is the

evening sessions. Ronnie Cottingham, music evangelist from Lucedale, will sing in the afternoon session. Eddie Middleton, former singer with the



Mohler

President of the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

The final speaker for the evening session will be Tom Elliff, who will speak about Kingdom Families. Elliff is the senior pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Dell City, Oklahoma.



Elliff

For more information on the 2003 Mississippi Baptist Pastors Conference, contact Dominy at P.O. Box 1497, Brandon, MS 39043. Telephone: (601) 939-6282.

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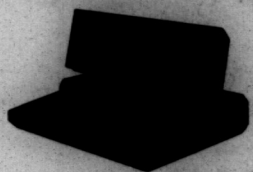
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A needless loss, among many

Beginning in 1973 with the U.S. Supreme Court's unctuous *Roe v. Wade* decision, America began to formalize the process of deciding who would live and who should die — in direct contradiction of the U.S. Constitution's unmistakable decree that life is among the inalienable rights granted to everyone by God. All of a sudden, one person was empowered to legally make a death choice on behalf of another person even though the doomed person could not speak in defense. A mother could "choose" to end the life of her unborn child for any reason at any time during her pregnancy.

How we have devolved since then. In today's America, a fully-formed baby can be torn from its mother, stabbed in the back of the head with sharp scissors, and its brains sucked into a sink, all because the baby's life has been deemed worthless to society. In some parts of the country, an elderly or terribly ill person can be euthanized — put down like a dog — and it's perfectly legal. The "right to die" suicide movement continues to grow, to be followed by a "duty to die" involuntary euthanasia movement as surely as day follows night.

Life truly means nothing in our modern culture, but sometimes the sheer tragedy of a life needlessly lost is too great to overlook. Such is the case of 18-year-old Holly Patterson of San Francisco, who died of a severe infection on September 17 after she used RU-486 to end her pregnancy.

RU-486 is a human pesticide. Sold in this country under the brand name Mifeprex, the toxic drug regimen uses an artificial steroid which causes the lining of the uterus to literally starve a developing baby. A powerful synthetic hormone is administered to force the uterus to cramp uncontrollably, and then a potent anti-ulcer drug is utilized to promote the ejection of baby's body from its mother.

RU-486 is a horrific, painful way to go about an abortion, both for mother and

child. In many cases, the baby is not completely expelled and a follow-up surgical abortion must be performed to remove the tiny body parts before the type of infection sets in that killed Holly Patterson. The maker of the anti-ulcer drug sent a letter to 200,000 health care providers in August 2000 warning of "serious adverse effects" such as uterine hyperstimulation, rupture, and perforation when the drug is used off-label as part of the RU-486 regimen. RU-486 has been banned in China.

Yet the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL/Pro-Choice America) persists in ignoring Holly's death and describing RU-486 as a "safe and effective alternative to surgical abortion" that has until recently been withheld from American women "largely due to anti-choice politics."

At Planned Parenthood of America's web site targeted exclusively at teen girls, an article ominously entitled, *Abortion in a Pill*, still appears despite Holly's death. The article states, "It's finally here! (RU-486) is a major landmark in reproductive choice — right up there with the introduction of the birth control pill in 1960! ...It is time-tested and super-safe; not one woman has died from using (the RU-486 regimen) to end pregnancy."

Tell that to Monty Patterson, Holly's father. "The medical community treats this as a simple pill, as if you're getting rid of a headache," he told the *San Francisco Chronicle* after his daughter's death. "The procedure, the follow-ups, it all too lackadaisical. The girl gets a pill. Then she's sent home to do the rest on her own. There are just too many things that can go wrong."

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CLEANSE US...."

"IT'S A SOUND
STRATEGY — IT
MIGHT WORK!"



Monty Patterson didn't find out about his daughter's botched RU-486 abortion until hours before her death, according to the newspaper. "I don't want to see another young, vibrant girl die," he told the newspaper. "We should not have lost Holly, and we did."

In our mixed-up world, the birth of a single panda cub brings nationwide celebration and lavish news media coverage, but the lives of Holly and her unborn offspring merited hardly a blip on our cultural radar screen. Their lives, and their deaths, stood for nothing in our society. How utterly sad that we have all proceeded with our own selfish lives as if nothing happened, breathlessly awaiting the birth of the next panda cub.

Until it happens to our daughter.

GUEST OPINION:



Surprised? Not really

By Martha L. Carpenter, member
Gracewood Church, Southaven

action by a leading religious group cannot be denied. The door has been opened for the entrance of any and all types of degradation into the membership of the church body.

Homosexuality is a sin that stands above mere disobedience to God. It is an abomination to Him and in the Old Testament was punishable by death (Lev. 18:22, 20:13). The New Testament teaches that those engaging in unnatural lusts will not inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor. 6:9). Since the Bible teaches us that God is unchanging in His nature and judgment, are we to believe that this lifestyle can be justified? Did Jesus Christ come to change that which God has already ordained? Of course not! He Himself, being one with His

Father, would not — indeed could not — nullify God's Word. That which was evil then is evil in this present age. Let us not be deceived in this matter.

Some say that homosexuality is only another manifestation of the sin that rests in all of our hearts. The Bible teaches otherwise. It is wholly unnatural and in direct contradiction to God's purpose in creation. The sexual union between the male and the female of every species is for the purpose of reproduction. Marriage between a man and a woman satisfies this physical unity and produces legitimate offspring.

As we think upon this matter and observe the continued escalation of ungodly practices occurring about us, let us not be dis-

mayed. We are warned repeatedly that such evil practices will characterize the last days. Centuries ago, Isaiah the prophet said that the time would come when men would call evil good and good evil, darkness light and light darkness, and bitter sweet and sweet bitter (Isa. 5:20). Paul told his young friend Timothy that evil men would wax worse and worse (2 Tim. 3:13). Surely we are seeing the fulfillment of these two prophecies as men and women with reprobate minds pervert God's purpose, openly rejoice in their iniquity, and seal their own eternal destiny. When the cup of God's indignation has been filled, He will pour out His wrath upon all who have turned away from His offer of redemption and send them from His presence forever.

Let us then take courage in these troubled times, giving thanks for His continued patience and praying that He will lead us to someone who will respond to His invitation of grace. We can rest in the knowledge that even as we are building congregations, Jesus Christ is building His church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Miss. Baptists part of largest response ever

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (BP and local reports) — The largest response in the 37-year history of Southern Baptist Disaster Relief continues to escalate, with a total of 108 units activated as of Sept. 25.

Those efforts include 25 mobile kitchens, 61 clean-up and recovery (chainsaw) units, 15 shower units, four communication units, a laundry unit, a water purification unit, and an assessment team. Volunteers from more than 22 states are serving in North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

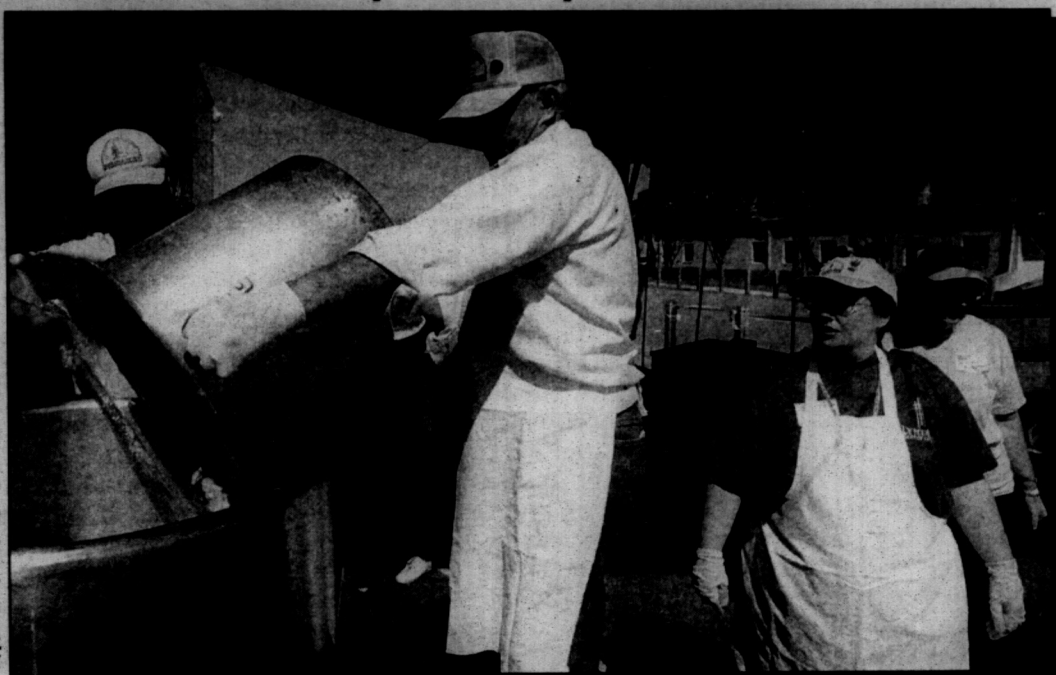
Mississippi Baptist disaster relief volunteers are currently stationed in Richmond, Va., with the state's eighteen-wheeler mass feeding kitchen, and another Mississippi Baptist group is in the Maryland/Delaware area assisting with recovery operations.

While mobile kitchen operations in the Washington, D.C., area were scheduled to close down Sept. 25 as power was restored, the units and volunteers working there have been reassigned to assist other units in the Southeastern Virginia tidewater area that has become a focus of much of the effort.

Terry Henderson, coordinator of the Virginia operation, said the needs have increased as families run out of food and

new areas of need are located, particularly in rural areas farther from the cities. Most of the Southern Baptist kitchens pre-

recently vacated Wal-Mart store in Gloucester, Va., that had been converted into a Red Cross shelter.



MASS FEEDING — Allen Watts (left) and James Howell help prepare the noon meal at a feeding center in Richmond, Va., as Tonya Caudel (right) and Jettie Redd (far right) look on. The mobile disaster response unit, from the Men's Ministry Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was sent to help some of the thousands in the city left without power by Hurricane Isabel. The Mississippi unit has fed 5,000 people each meal. Watts is a member of Ethel Church, Ethel. Howell is a member of Big Creek Church, Big Creek. Caudel is a member of Lyndale Church, Richmond. Redd is a member of Colonial Heights Church, Jackson. (Photo courtesy of Bill Bangham/NAMB)

pare food for distribution by the American Red Cross or Salvation Army.

"We had one mobile home park where most of the people were on food stamps and they had just bought all their food for the month, and now they have lost all their food," said Henderson, who also serves as national Disaster Relief coordinator on the staff of the North American Mission Board. "So we're finding a lot of pockets that need help that haven't seen any help from the beginning."

He also told of a shower unit set up in the parking lot of a

"We found out yesterday that they had 900 showers (over two days), and four professions of faith have come through that operation," he said, noting the unit was operated by volunteers from churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia Convention.

Mickey Caison, off-site coordinator for the effort and adult volunteer mobilization manager for NAMB, said about 95,000 meals were prepared by Southern Baptists Sept. 24, out of a total of 325,000 meals prepared since the hurricane struck on Sept. 18.

"We're still cranking up, and they're expecting the meal counts to continue to increase," he said. "I would say we've got probably close to 3,000 volunteer days and 400 recovery jobs already." A volunteer day is defined as one volunteer working one day.

The record response — with more units active than were even in existence during Hurricane

Andrew in 1992 — has also prompted a need for contributions to support those efforts.

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief units generally are owned and operated by state conventions, local associations, and churches, and are coordinated by the North American Mission Board (NAMB).

The Mississippi disaster relief unit, based in the Men's Ministry Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is funded by the Margaret Lackey State Mission Offering and supported administratively by gifts to the Mississippi Cooperative Program.

Jim Burton, director of volunteer mobilization for NAMB, said that while food and related expenses usually are covered by the Red Cross or Salvation

Army, state conventions and NAMB face many expenses that aren't funded through usual Cooperative Program channels.

"We only budget for training, travel related to training and that sort of thing," said Burton. "As much as anything we do it's a faith-based ministry, in that we go and respond to disasters sometimes when we've received no donations — trusting God and Southern Baptists to respond."

He noted that Southern Baptists are the third largest disaster relief organization in the country, ranking behind only the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

Caison said most of the expenses thus far have involved helping smaller state conventions with travel and other needs — along with travel and expenses for administrative teams to set up in the area.

More than 25,000 trained volunteers currently are part of the disaster Relief network nationwide. For regular updates, visit www.namb.net/dr.



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Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Romans 5:5

TV profanity rising

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The use of foul language on television shows in the past five years has increased dramatically on nearly every network and in nearly every time slot — including the so-called "Family Hour" from 7-8 p.m. CT — according to a study by the 10,000-member Parents Television Council (PTC). The report, released September 15, examined all prime-time entertainment series on the major broadcast television networks from the first two weeks of the 1998, 2000, and 2002 November sweeps periods, analyzing a total of 400 program hours. Foul language, including curses or intensives, offensive epithets, scatological language, sexually suggestive or indecent language, and censored language, increased by 94.8% during the Family Hour between 1998 and 2002. During the 9 p.m. ET time slot, such language increased by 109.1%, though the smallest increase (38.7%) occurred during the last hour of prime time — the hour when young children are least likely to be watching. "It's easy to be dismissive of foul language on TV, but it does have an impact," the Parents Television Council said in a news release. "Ultimately, the entertainment industry needs to get serious about reducing the flood of vulgarity coming into the family home over the broadcast airwaves. Barring that, the Federal Communications Commission needs to get serious about enforcing broadcast decency laws and punishing broadcasters who violate those laws." As the PTC report noted, the connection between media violence and real-life violence has been well documented. Mounting evidence also points to the fact that highly sexualized images on television can shape teens' attitudes toward sex, leading to promiscuity. Also, studies suggest that non-smoking children are influenced by screen idols seen smoking in films.

Looking back

10 years ago

The Baptist Children's Village, with five locations in the state of Mississippi, receives its third Certificate of Accreditation from the Council of Accreditation of Services for Families and Children. The Village ministered to nearly 500 boys and girls in 1992.

20 years ago

The Mississippi Baptist Student Union, in convention in Tupelo, votes to sponsor 68 of their number for student missions in 1984 and raise \$68,000 to support the student missions program.

50 years ago

Hopewell Church, Yalobusha County, cultivates five acres of cotton as a church project. The proceeds of the sale of the cotton are to be used to purchase church pews. A. M. Tutor is the pastor.

CLAPPING

It is not unusual to hear clapping in our churches these days. I, like many of you, can remember when you never heard anyone clap in church. But, today it is fairly common to applaud at a wedding when the young couple is introduced to the congregation for the first time or at a baptism when a person comes up out of the water. Sometimes you hear people clapping after a song, when a special guest is introduced, or when a great goal has been achieved by the people of God.

I have even had people to applaud when I preach. Well, actually they broke out clapping when I said I was only going to speak for 10 minutes. Some churches clap more often than others. Some do it rarely. Some love it. Some abhor it. What is clapping anyway? Well, the dictionary says that the clap is "to beat one's hands together repeatedly so as to produce a series of sharp, percussive noises." But, that hardly tells what clapping is all about. To clarify what the dictionary is saying here, let me enlarge on these noises that we are hearing.

Clapping has become a part of our repertoire of non-verbal communicative expressions. A clap, or a round of applause, has a lot of definitions. Sometimes it says, "Welcome!" Sometimes it says, "You did good!" Sometimes it says, "Thank you!" At other times it means, "We love you!" Occasionally, clapping means that we are happy and just don't know what to say. At other times it says that we are upset and someone has verbalized our anger. Generally speaking, clapping has become a part of our culture whereby we express our approval over good feelings and our good will towards someone. We clap if the President enters the room, if a touchdown is scored, if the National Anthem is sung, if the troops return, or if the candles are blown out at a birthday party for a 100-year old. For us it is the means of expressing our feelings as a group.

Frequently, I am asked about

my feelings concerning clapping. "Do you like it?" "Do you not like it?" Usually, I can tell by the question and the tone how the questioner feels about clapping. Personally, I have several thoughts about clapping in the church:

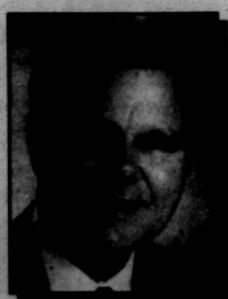
One thought I have is sometimes it just beats nothing. I mean sometimes a church will break out in applause rather than to sit and not have any expression related to an event. Occasionally, someone will say to me that we ought to not clap in church. What we ought to do is say, "Amen." Well that suits me! But, what if no one says "Amen," or claps, or even blinks their eyes when there is a glorious thing that has happened?

It just seems to me that there are occasions and experiences in the Lord's work when somebody ought to do something to express the flood of gratitude felt by all. The Scripture says that when one sinner repents joy breaks out in Heaven. That's what the Book says. But, how do you see or know how that joy is spread throughout the folks in Heaven? What do they do in Heaven that expresses joy and delight? Do they say "Amen?" Do they sing? Do they run? Do they smile? Do they clap? Do they kneel? Do they laugh? I don't know. However, there is some expression of joy that seems to be everywhere. Sometimes clapping may not be the best thing to do, but it beats doing nothing!

A second thought that I have about clapping is that it is not anti-Scriptural! While I may not always feel comfortable

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Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board



with applause, or with the place, or the time that it happens, it is not an ungodly act and it is not unbiblical. Psalm 47:1 says, "Oh, clap your hands all ye people. Shout unto the Lord with the voice of triumph." I'm not going to address the second half of that verse in this article, but the instructions for corporate expression of victory among God's people are to clap. In fact, in Isaiah 55:12, the Lord indicates that God's people are to be so blessed and so victorious that even the trees of the field will join them in clapping. Clapping seems to be a kind of "pop-off" valve for when our good feelings in the Lord rise to the point that we just have to let them overflow. We put our hands together in praise, thanksgiving, and joy.

I remember, years ago, when the hostages were released from Iran. For months we, as a nation, had felt captive as our fellow citizens were held in prison in Iran. The day that they were released I was speaking at a church. Prior to the service a man who was serving as an usher said, "If we get word that the hostages are let go, I will notify you." I replied, "Yes sir." During that service the release took place and he came in at the back and held up a handmade sign on a piece of cardboard. It said, "The hostages are free!" I paused in

my message and said to the congregation, "I know that you would want to know that we have just received word that the hostages have been released

from Iran." The crowd caught their breath and then before one second passed, they broke out in thunderous applause. Then they began to sing, Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. It was a spontaneous outpouring of thankful feelings and it was right!

A final thought that I have about clapping is this. Simply stated - it ought to have meaning. It should be genuine, sincere, and appropriate. That certainly raises a note of caution as we tend to evaluate everybody else's genuineness. What strikes a deep emotional cord in one person may not in any way affect another person. If it doesn't touch your heart, do not assume or interpret that it should not touch someone else's heart. By the same token, we ought to recognize that clapping can be repetitive, heartless, and ritualistic in itself. Clapping in church can become as routine, as programmed, and as ritualistic as sitting stone-cold, unmoved, and still. Now, sometimes what happens to us is that we just get into the routine of clapping and we just have to do it because we do it!

One day I was asked to par-

ticipate in a 9-11 Memorial Service. It was actually designed to be a prayer service. Three religious leaders were chosen to be on program and we were to, one after the other, lead in prayer. The first person got up, spoke, and in a brief address explained the various aspects of his religion. When he finished, there was polite applause for his address. The second leader also gave a several minutes address. Again, there was applause. I was the third on the list who was invited to come and pray and so I got up and led the group in a prayer. I did not preach nor give a speech, but I simply prayed. When I finished praying, the crowd that was gathered there felt obligated to applaud my prayer. They applauded not because of what I prayed, or because it was in any way appropriate, but it is what they had done for the other two and so they did it for me. While I did not need for them to clap and certainly never expected it, I realized when I got through that they felt like they ought to do something and so they did.

Clapping in church is like singing, saying amen, listening to a sermon, or kneeling - it can be done with great thought and meaning, or it can be mindless and pointless. It can be encouraging to others and glorifying to God, or it can be out of place and disrespectful. It can come at a time of heaven on earth euphoria, or it can be empty and awkward.

My final thought for you and me is, "Don't miss out on getting in on the good things that God is doing!"

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What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the

HOUSE TOPS.

Matthew 10:27 NAS

October 2, 2003

HouseTops is a Baptist Record supplement produced by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Communication Services.

Young Musicians' Music Events for 2001

Choral Festival



Clinician
John Langworthy
Minister of Music
Morrison Heights
Baptist Church
Clinton

April 17

8:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Mississippi College
Coliseum, Clinton

April 16

An optional evaluation
session at FBC,
Clinton, 7 - 8 p.m.
(Not a competition:
Each choir is evaluat-
ed by two judges.)

Gulfshore Camp



Clinician
Steve Roddy
Director
Houston
Children's
Chorus

June 26-30

Classes, rehearsals,
worship, and recre-
ational activities for
boys and girls who
have finished the 4-6
grades by June 1. A
concert will be pre-
sented on Tuesday
evening, June 29.

Blue Mountain College



Clinician
Don Odom
Music Head
The Baptist
College of
Florida

July 26-30

Classes, rehearsals,
worship, and recre-
ational activities for
boys and girls who
have finished the 4-6
grades by June 1. A
concert will be pre-
sented on Thursday
evening, July 29.



GA Missions Madness "PARTY ON 1913 ..."

Saturday, November 8, 2003
Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo
9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

On Saturday, November 8, all GAs (1st - 6th grade girls) and leaders in our state are invited to a GA Missions Madness Event - "Party on 1913 ...". The girls will participate in breakouts during the day where they will learn about the history of GAs as well as participate in activities. They will also attend a breakout session with one of our missionaries.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The opening session begins at 9:30 a.m. The event ends at 4 p.m. **The early registration deadline is Oct. 24.** The cost is \$5 per person. If space is available groups may register after Oct. 24, but the cost is \$7.50 per person. Once we receive your registration we will mail you a confirmation form with directions to the church and any additional information you may need.

For more info, contact the WMU Department at 1-800-748-1651 or 601-968-3800 in Jackson. Registration form can be found at www.mbc.org.
Please register early so we can be better prepared for your arrival.



GA Mother/ Daughter Overnight

October 17-18, 2003
Camp Garaywa

(for girls ages 5 to 105!)

Cost: \$33 per person

(includes meals, lodging, insurance
and program fees)

The registration deadline is October 3, 2003. For info, contact the WMU Department at 1-800-748-1651 or 601-968-3800 in Jackson.

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October 10-11, 2003
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Madison

MEET YOUR CLINICIANS

Anna Laura Page received a bachelor of music in vocal music education with a concentration in piano and master of music in music theory with a concentration in organ from the University of Kentucky. Active as a composer, clinician, and organist, she has received the ASCAP Standards Award for the past several years. Anna Laura currently serves as handbell music editor for Alfred Publishing Co., Inc. Her publications include choral works for children, youth, and adults, and compositions for handbells, organ, and piano. She is married to Oscar C. Page, president of Austin College in Sherman, Texas.

Marilynn Ham holds a bachelor of music degree from Northern Michigan University and a master of music degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with majors in piano performance. She is known as a best-selling keyboard arranger for Lillenas Publishing Company of Kansas City, Mo. As a sacred concert pianist, published arranger, recording artist, and college professor, she remains ever busy traveling throughout the country leading seminars and performing. She currently is an assistant professor of music and artist-in-residence at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Ind. Marilynn has been married to her husband Bob since 1977.

For more info, contact Wyndy South, 1-800-748-1651 or 601-292-3272

Friday - 6-6:30 p.m. Registration
Saturday - 11:55 a.m. Dismiss for Home

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Church

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Discipleship and Family Ministry

Glenn Shows, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205

For more info: Glenn Shows, 601-292-3373 or 1-800-748-1651

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8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (For directions call 662-328-3915)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2003

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NATCHEZ

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (For directions call 601-442-1464)

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Cost: \$10 (includes lunch if registered by October 27)

\$5 payable at the door (lunch will not be provided)

For more info contact: Glenn Shows, 601-292-3373 or
1-800-748-1651, MBCB Discipleship & Family Ministry Dept.



Mississippi Baptist Ministers' Wives Conference

October 27, 2003

First Baptist Church, Jackson

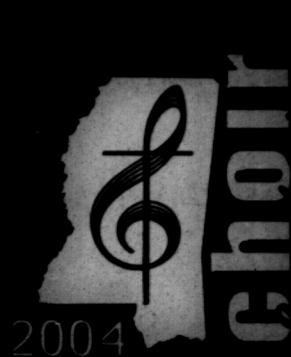
10th Floor

1:15 to 4:30 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER

Sarah Maddox

For more info, contact the Pastor/Leadership Development Department at 1-800-748-1651, ext. 266 or ext. 267, e-mail: mbcb@mbcb.org or kncc@mbcb.org



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auditions

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(Open to 9th - 12th graders)

Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. William Carey College, Hattiesburg
Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2003 4 - 7 p.m. First Baptist Church, Summit
Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2003 4 - 8 p.m. First Baptist Church, Meridian
Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2003 4 - 7 p.m. First Baptist Church, Winona
Saturday, Oct. 25, 2003 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mississippi College, Clinton
Thursday, Nov. 13, 2003 4 - 8 p.m. Fairview BC, Columbus
Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. North Oxford BC, Oxford

(NOTE: ALL instrumentalists will be expected to audition vocally.)

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- Scales
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Hattiesburg

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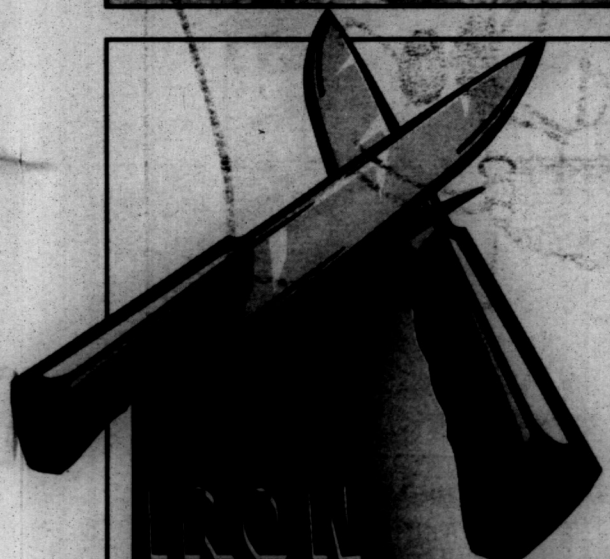
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For questions or more info contact Harvey Ellis at

E-mail: jellis@mbcb.org
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November 10-12, 2003

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October 3-16, 2003

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THE PRAYER CLOSET by Kevin Meador

For: (1) On Mission to Share Jesus (Evan Emphasis); (2) James Sok of Plainfield, Ill., is an Asian Church planter with the Illinois Baptist State Association. Pray for the new work development team as they help new workers by assessing and mentoring them so they can start five new congregations.

For: (1) World Hunger Day (WMU & CAC); (2) Wes and Danette Thrush request prayer for a Hakka man in Meinung, Taiwan. His wife has cancer and he needs to get her to sleep each night by joining her everything will be all right. Then he goes off to a corner of the house to cry where the children can't hear. Pray for the Thrushs as they love this family in Jesus' name.

For: (1) Church Related Vocation Banquet, Mississippi College, Clinton, 6 - 8 p.m. (P/LD); (2) Praise the Lord for relationships that are developing with Iraqi nationals with whom workers are in contact. Pray that God will use these relationships to bring glory and honor to Himself.

As you pray for the broad sowing of the gospel message throughout the Komering area of S. Sumatra, Indonesia, pray for the national church planters. Ask that they will have opportunities to follow up on the seed that is sown and to teach and disciple from the Word, so that those who believe and persevere will be firmly grounded in the teaching of Christ.

For: (1) Student Day, Baptist Building, Jackson (P/LD); (2) D., in his early 20s, is a new Bible college graduate in Japan. He is outgoing, loves Jesus, and is passionate about sharing the gospel by planting a network of small group churches in his home town. Pray that God will provide all his needs and give him local coworkers to help him.

For: (1) South Interfaith Evangelism Conference (Evan); (2) Outside of India, South Africa has the largest population of Indians in the world. Creative devotional meetings for Hindus include songs and simple Bible teaching in a format appealing to people of Eastern heritage. Ask God to draw truth-hungry Hindus for fruit as the Living Water is presented "in an Indian cup."

For: (1) Baptist Building STAFF AT HOME DAYS, 8th - 10th; (2) The Chaplaincy Team of the NAMB is thankful for the outstanding Southern Baptists God is calling to military chaplaincy. The recent Baptist chaplain course at Ft. Jackson had six Southern Baptists graduate. Pray for these as well as all chaplains serving our military forces.

A high-ranking, influential government official in the capital city of Bangladesh sent his nephew to Washington, D.C., to live and work. The nephew, M., and his uncle are Bengali Muslims. He interacts with many Christian customers; yet few, if any, have taken the time to befriend him. Pray that someone will invest in M's life and share the love of Jesus.

For: (1) MBRA Meeting, Tupelo (D&FM); (2) A career missionary couple, recently welcomed a diverse group of people to their first house church in a gateway city in France. Represented were three nations from Africa, two nations from the Far East, one from the Middle East and two from Europe. Pray that those who are searching will remain faithful.

Continue to pray for State Missions and the Margaret Lackey State Missions offering. Over the next five years the annual offering needs to become a \$3 million challenge for funding growing mission needs and opportunities. Mississippi Baptists can meet this challenge through focused prayer and continuing generosity.

For: (1) Annual Missions Celebration, Harrisburg BC, Tupelo (WMU); (2) State Media Library Conference, FBC, Jackson, 9 a.m. - 3rd - 12:30 p.m., 4th (CS); (3) Mississippi Baptist Conference of the Deaf, Camp Garaywa, Clinton, 5 p.m., 3rd - 1 p.m., 5th (CPD).

For: (1) Piano/Organ/Keyboard Workshop, Ridgecrest BC, Madison, 6 p.m., 10th - 2 p.m., 11th (CM); (2) Pray for the gospel to go forth in all media in Saudi Arabia. Pray that all will hear the gospel and consider receiving Jesus Christ as their savior and Lord.

Since Israel became a state in 1948, Jewish immigration from all over the world has been continuous. Two diverse groups have arrived recently: 330 from North America and 500 from the north-eastern part of India. Pray as these return to their ancient homeland that they will be presented with the truth of the Messiah by faithful witnesses.

For: (1) Ministry through Sunday School (SS Emphasis); (2) Special Ministries Retreat, Camp Garaywa, Clinton, 11 a.m., 11th - noon, 12th (SO); (3) A ministry partner in a U.S. Frontier nation is experiencing difficulties due to increased surveillance by the local government. Pray for safety, peace and increased faith in the midst of persecution.



MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CHAPLAINS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FALL BANQUET

October 28, 2003 4:45 p.m.

Baptist Building, Stuproom, 515 Mississippi Street, Jackson

All chaplains, volunteers and career, are invited to join us for a good Bar-B-Que dinner and fellowship.

The banquet is no cost to chaplains who have paid their dues to the Chaplains' Association for 2003/2004.

For nonmembers of the association, the cost is \$8 each.

For more information, call Elaine Smith at 1-800-748-1651 or 601-292-3361

SPEAKER John Samb

Chaplaincy Evangelism Associate for Healthcare and Pastoral Counseling, North American Mission Board. Before joining NAMB, John was a Chaplain with the U.S. Navy and Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

John will speak to us on "Getting There from Here"

PLEASE NOTE:

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HOUSE TOPS

The Mississippi College (MC), Clinton, homecoming weekend will be held October 17-18.

Homecoming festivities on Saturday will begin at 9 a.m. with registration in B.C. Rogers Student Center, 2nd Floor. Class Reunions and club receptions will begin at 10 a.m. The homecoming parade will take

place at 2 p.m. The homecoming game will be held at 6 p.m. when the Choctaws take on McMurry College in Robinson-Hale Stadium.

For more information, call (601) 925-3208 or email clay@mc.edu.

William and Kathryn Clawson of Hattiesburg

established a \$10,000 endowed scholarship at William Carey College recently. The William Clawson Endowed Scholarship will benefit needy students wishing to major in ministry at Carey. Clawson began teaching in the department of biblical studies and missions in 1965 at WCC and ended his

tenure in 1988 after serving 11 years as chairman of the department. He was instrumental in adding Biblical Hebrew to the curriculum.

The Winters School of Music at William Carey College (WCC) present in concert Pasquale Rucco and Douglas James, a guitar duo

who specialize in the performance of the guitar literature of the early 19th century on authentic instruments of the period, on October 23 at 7 p.m. in the Lucile Parker Gallery, Hattiesburg campus. For more information call (601) 318-6175. Tickets are \$5 and \$3 and are available at the door.

HOMEcomings & REVIVALS

Immanuel, Greenwood: Oct. 12; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.; dinner will follow; Promised Quartet, Coila, music.

Chunky, Chunky: Oct. 19-23; Sunday, 11 a.m., lunch will be served, an afternoon program will follow; Mon.-Thurs., 7 p.m.; Randall Creel, preaching; Gary Thorne, music; Wayne Campbell, pastor.

Calvary, Braxton: Oct. 12; 25th anniversary; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; lunch and fellowship will follow; Glen Kelly, Westminister, S.C., preaching; Jeff Wedgeworth, music; Charles Case, interim pastor.

Damascus, Flora: Oct. 12; 100th anniversary; worship, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; dinner will be served at noon.

Oak Grove, Smith: Oct. 12; centennial celebration; worship, 11 a.m.; lunch will follow; memo-

ries program, 1:30 p.m.; former pastors will take part in the afternoon service; John Barnes, pastor.

Cedar View, Olive Branch: Oct. 5-8; Sunday, 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., a potluck lunch will follow, 6 p.m., and youth pizza blast at 7 p.m.; Mon.-Thurs., 7 p.m.; Mon., Cedar Haven Mission; Tues., Friends; Wednesday, children's hot dog supper at 6 p.m.; Desi Ginn, evangelist; Rod Salmon, Trinity, Southaven, music; for more information, call (662) 895-6967.

Providence, Jayess: Oct. 5-9; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; nightly, 7 p.m.; Charles Williams, Southern Baptist Bible School, Jacksonville, Fla., evangelist; Tim Morrison, Bethel, Monticello, and the Walley Family, music; Andrea Reid, piano; Stephen Smith, pastor.

South 28th Avenue, Hattiesburg: Oct. 12; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; lunch will follow; Benny Hornsby, preaching; Frank

Fagan, music; all are welcome.

Calvary, Yazoo City: Oct. 19-22; Sunday, 11 a.m., 6 p.m., a fellowship dinner will follow; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Charles Moore, speaking; Bill and Martha Martin, and R.L. and Beth Sigrest, music.

McAdams, Kosciusko: Oct. 12; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; a covered dish luncheon will be served at noon; Doug Hogg, former pastor, speaking; Linda Cauthen, music; Dan West, pastor.

Pinola, Pinola: Oct. 12-16; 125th anniversary; Sunday, 11 a.m. with lunch at noon; Mon.-Thurs., 7 p.m.; all are welcome; Chris Rankin, pastor.

Georgetown, Georgetown: Oct. 26; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; a covered dish lunch will follow; Joel Haire, preaching; Bart Latner, pastor.

Leesburg, Leesburg: Nov. 2; worship, 10:30 a.m.; dinner will follow; Julius Thompson, speaking; Jeff Jones, worship.

East Morton, Morton: Oct. 5; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; a covered dish will follow; Glen Smith, speaker; Tal Vardmon, music; Jerry Homes, pastor.

North Oxford, Oxford: Oct. 12-15; Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., a potluck luncheon will follow; Mon.-Wed., noon service and luncheons, and 7 p.m.; Clarence Cooper, preaching; Bill Herman, music; for more information, call (601) 234-1101.

Oak Grove, Smithdale: Oct. 5-8; Sunday, 10 and 11 a.m., dinner will follow, and 1:30 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Cletus Moak, preaching; Eddie King, and Fellowship Choir with Billy Ray Simmons, music; all are welcome; Micah Rutland, pastor.

Bond, Wiggins: Oct. 12-15; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Joseph McIntire, Jackson, Tenn., evangelist; Dionne Williams, Poplar Heights, Gulf Coast Association, music.

Moselle, Moselle: October 5; worship, 10 a.m.; a covered dish fellowship will follow; Daniel Caldwell, preaching; for more information, contact (601) 582-9428 or office@moselle-memorial.com.

Tylertown, Tylertown: Oct. 5-8; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Ricky Gray, First, Flowood, evangelist; Kenny Adams, music; Michael W. Glenn, pastor.

First, Byhalia: Oct. 5-8; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; David Ford, Phoenix, Ariz., evangelist; for more information, call, (662) 838-2250.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, JACKSON, is looking for a part-time associate minister to help meet the needs of this caring church with outreach programs and homebound ministry. For more information, contact Dr. Greg Wolfe, pastor, P.O. Box 13675, Jackson, MS 39236. Phone (601) 368-2983.

ORGANIST, CASTLEWOODS Baptist Church. Send a letter of interest or resume to 175 Stonecastle Drive, Brandon, MS 39047, via email or fax. Fax number (601) 992-2623. For information call (601) 992-9977.

FBC MAGEE IS SEEKING A FULL-TIME minister of youth and activities director. Please send resumes to youth search committee, c/o Mike McAlpin, P.O. Box 266, Magee, MS 39111.

FULL-TIME MINISTER OF STUDENTS position. Send resumes to minister of students search committee, Grace Memorial Baptist Church, 2412 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, MS 39501.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, OLOH IS searching for a full-time minister of youth and education. Send resume with photo to personnel committee to First Baptist Church of Oloh, 36 Oloh Church Road, Sumrall, MS 39482.

FIRST BAPTIST CABOT, ARKANSAS is accepting resumes for senior pastor. Cabot is located in the metro area of Little Rock, with a population of 42,000 within 8 miles of town. Average Sunday School attendance is 950-1000. Please send resumes to Bob Duke, First Baptist Church Cabot, P.O. Box 1023, Cabot, AR 72023.

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LEESVILLE - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: Full-time youth and recreation minister. Send resumes with photo to: Youth Pastor Search Committee, First Baptist Church of Leesville, P.O. Box 1568, 1400 Nolan Trace, Leesville, LA 71446; or email fbcleesville@wnonline.net.

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FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

The Spirit Continues Jesus' Work

John 14:15-17, 25-26; 16:7-15

By Jon Daniels

When Alexander the Great was asked how he conquered the world, his reply was simple: "By not wavering!" If we want to conquer sin in our lives and be the people that God desires for us to be, we must not waver from our commitment to live surrendered, obedient lives. Living that life cannot be accomplished in our own strength. We have the power of the Holy Spirit within us to enable us to conquer sin and live our lives in a way that brings honor and glory to God. Paul told the Galatians to "walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh" (Gal. 5:16). What great strength and encouragement we have through the Spirit!

Who is the Holy Spirit? First, notice that the question is "Who" and not "What is the Holy Spirit". The Holy Spirit is a Person, the third Person of the Trinity, and

has a very specific ministry in the world and in our lives.

"The Holy Spirit is the personal Spirit of God" (Wayne Ward, *The Holy Spirit*, Layman's Library of Christian Doctrine, p.119) and is very involved in the redemptive work of God. The Spirit regenerates or gives new spiritual life to any person who is born into the family of God. The Spirit also sustains and empowers the child of God to live the Christian life. The Spirit makes possible the resurrection to life eternal (Ward, p.121). The Spirit also guides us in our prayer life and Bible study; convicts us of our sin; and comforts us in our times of need. As we see in this lesson, the Spirit continues the work of Jesus.

THE SPIRIT AS COUNSELOR — 14:15-17



Daniels

The Holy Spirit is our Counselor - our parakletos - meaning, "one called to the side of another." Different versions of the Bible use words such as "Comforter" (KJV), "Helper" (NAS), and "Friend" (The Message). His purpose is to help in any way possible: as

a Friend called in to help when we are troubled, distressed, or confused; as a Commander called in to help a discouraged, dispirited army; as an Advocate called in to help when a defendant needs his case pleaded; as a Counselor called in to help when we are depressed; as a Minister called in to encourage when we are progressing in our Christian life; as a Coach to keep us running the race well. As one person said, "The Holy Spirit is a helper, not a doer" (Karen Huybrechts, quoted in *An Encyclopedia of Compelling Quotations*, p. 347.)

THE SPIRIT AS TEACHER — 14:25-26; 16:12-15

The teaching role of the Spirit is so important. He made sure that

the disciples grasped the truths in the words of Jesus and recorded them exactly how God wanted them recorded in the New Testament. The promise that Jesus gave to the disciples ensures the validity of the New Testament. The disciples were eyewitnesses of Jesus' life and teachings, and the Spirit helped them remember without taking away their individual perspectives.

This gives us confidence that the Gospels are absolutely accurate records of what Jesus taught and did.

In much the same way, the Spirit helps us as we study the Word of God. We trust Him to teach us, to "guide us into all truth," convince us of God's will, and remind us when we stray from the truth. Make sure that as a Sunday School teacher, you are relying on the Spirit to lead you as you prepare and teach. We trust Him to instruct us in both the words and deeds of Jesus, both the Truth and the Life, both the Word and how to live, the theory and the practice, the principles and the conduct.

THE SPIRIT AS CONVICTOR — 16:7-11

The word for "convict" (v.

8) has a twofold meaning: to convict and to convince. The Holy Spirit brings conviction, continually pricking a person's heart until there is the realization of guilt and sin. The Holy Spirit also convinces the person that the fact of his/her guilt is true.

The disciples were understandably filled with sorrow when Jesus informed them that He would be leaving them. He was their Master, their Messiah, and their Friend. How could anything good come from His departure?

Jesus knew that He had to leave so that the Spirit could come and do things that only He (the Spirit) could do. Only the Spirit could convict the world: 1) of the sin of unbelief; 2) of righteousness; 3) and of judgment. That was and still is His job. The Spirit convicts and convinces the world that only by believing in Jesus can one be saved; that Jesus is the model and example of righteousness; and that Jesus judged and defeated Satan on the cross once for all!

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EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Faithful Service

Philippians 3:7-21

By Laura Russell

The legendary football coach Bud Wilkinson has said the church is like a football game: There are twenty two members on the field that desperately need rest and 20,000 members in the stands that desperately need exercise.

As we look at the scriptures today, we see that Paul was anticipating heaven but he was determined to serve Christ faithfully until he arrived there. Sometimes, as we anticipate heaven, we can get lazy and indolent. We know we will receive our reward in heaven so why should we bother ourselves with the struggle of the world. Why don't we just hold hands, sing songs, read psalms and wait? What else matters? Souls matter! Christ commands that we "do business till I come"

(Luke 19:13). Jesus' parable of the talents teaches us what to do while we are waiting. We are to be working. Our number one priority is to be involved, energized and doing business for our Lord.

RECOGNIZING THE BASIS FOR SERVICE. (vv. 7-11)

In looking at verses 1 through 6 it might seem as though Paul is boasting about his achievements. He is actually doing the opposite, showing that achievements cannot earn a person's salvation and eternal life. Paul's relationship with Christ wasn't based on what he had done, but on God's grace. Paul did not depend on his works to please God, and goes on to state in our focal verses that his old life and accomplishments are worthless, that knowing Christ motivated him to make



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serving Christ faithfully his number one priority. Paul's life is characterized by faithful service in Christ's name. For Paul, nothing was more important than becoming more and more what Christ wanted him to become. What areas of your life need to improve in order to know Christ more and, in turn, serve Him more?

MAKING PROGRESS. (vv. 12-16)

Paul says his goal is to know Christ, to be like Christ, and to be all Christ has in mind for him. Paul deeply desired to serve Christ perfectly and knew he fell short of this goal, but he declared that he was making progress and would not give up on his efforts to reach it. This goal absorbed all of his energy. Mature Christians press on in the Holy Spirit's power knowing the Holy Spirit will reveal what they are and what they should be. Although we will fall short of perfection in our service to Christ, we should always be making progress toward this goal.

AVOIDING WRONG PRIORITIES. (vv. 17-19)

Paul was noting the wrong priorities of the false teachers and wanted to make sure the Philippians didn't follow after them. He wanted them to pursue Christ-likeness by imitating him. Not because he was perfect, but because he focused his life on being like Christ. Paul criticizes not only the Judaizers but also the self indulgent Christians. These are people who claim to be Christians but don't live up to Christ's model of servanthood and sacrifice. They satisfy their own desires before thinking of others' needs. Freedom in Christ does not mean the freedom to be selfish. It means having the opportunity to faithfully serve Christ.

AWAITING HEAVEN. (vv. 20-21)

Citizens of Philippi had the same rights and privileges as the citizens of Rome. Likewise, we Christians will one day experience all the special privileges of heaven, because we belong to Christ. After Paul describes Christians as citizens of heaven,

he referred to the return of Christ and the transformed bodies He would give believers. The bodies we receive will be glorious bodies, like Christ's resurrected body. As citizens of heaven, we can legitimately anticipate its glories; but we have a responsibility to serve Christ faithfully here on earth.

Somewhere along the way, we believers have decided that we are saved to sit, not saved to serve. This is a subject very dear to my heart because my wonderful, godly parents, Ken and Rita Wilks, believed in faithfully serving Christ and they instilled this idea of service in their children, much like Paul was trying to instill in the Philippians.

Now back to the football game. Are you on the field, faithfully working, or are you in the stands in need of some exercise? I know there is a place in your church for you to get some exercise, so **GET IN THE GAME!!**

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A portion of The Village View is allocated each month to a list of Gifts of Honor and Memory. Many groups and individuals elect to pay tribute to others through this sensitive, meaningful, and helpful medium. This feature is hopefully designed to further honor, with taste and respect, those who are and have been special to our special friends.

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Analysis: Hinn, others shun sound doctrine

By Justin Peters
Correspondent

Second in a series

Partner sought for D.C. church

The Missions Mobilization Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board has announced a partnering opportunity for a Mississippi Baptist church with Calvary Church in Washington, D.C., a Burmese congregation with international potential.

The primary need is for minimum pastor support. The Missions Mobilization Department has identified Calvary Church as a priority need and will assist a Mississippi Baptist church in connecting with Calvary Church. The Mississippi church's commitment of \$2,004 for one year will be matched by the Missions Mobilization Department.

For more information, contact Missions Mobilization Director Ken Rhodes at P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Telephone: (601) 292-3239 or toll-free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651, ext. 239. E-mail: krhodes@mbcb.org.

If you do not know him by name, you would almost certainly know him by sight. Toufik Benedictus "Benny" Hinn is one of the most widely recognized individuals in Christian television today.

A self-proclaimed "healing evangelist," Hinn has achieved almost superstar status. His daily television show, *This Is Your Day*, can be seen in 190 countries and his monthly miracle crusades are almost always attended by overflow crowds. Tens of millions worldwide believe Hinn to be one of God's greatest spokesmen.

Undoubtedly, Hinn's teachings on physical healing are for what he is best known. In short, Hinn teaches that it is *always* God's will for the believer to walk in perfect divine health. Says Hinn, "He promises to heal all — every one, any, any whatsoever, everything — all our diseases." This is an exceedingly reckless and unbiblical assertion.

It is a matter of biblical record that not all of God's servants walked in perfect divine health; i.e. Job, Epaphroditus, Trophimus, Timothy, and the Apostle Paul all suffered physical ailments. If an afflicted believer prays for healing but does not receive it, then whose fault is it?

By definition it cannot be God's. The fault, then, according to Hinn's theology, lies squarely at the feet of the one who is sick. Says Hinn, "If you do not receive your miracle, it's not God's fault. You say, 'Well whose fault is it?' You figure that one out yourself." Exactly.

Hinn knows that not everyone is healed. In fact, his ministry is notoriously silent when asked for documented proofs of healings. Therefore he has adopted the standard Word of Faith (WOF) excuses that the chronically ill believer must not have enough faith, sin is present in his life, he has not given enough money (have you ever heard a preacher ask you to "sow a seed" so you can "reap a harvest?"), or he is not even saved.

This is not an exaggeration. At a 2001 Miracle Crusade in Nevada, Hinn told the audience, "Healing should *never* be separate from salvation." (emphasis mine.) The cruelty of this is hard to imagine. Now the sick person has to struggle not only with his malady, but also his own perceived spiritual deficiencies. Through no fault of his own he is cast into the deep valley of doubting his very salvation.

At his Miracle Crusades, Hinn "slays" people in the Spirit (though this practice is completely without biblical precedent) as if he is some anointed dispenser of the third Person of the Trinity,

and he claims that thousands are healed. Are the people that claim to be healed really healed? The vast majority are not.

Most of what is seen on the stage of a Hinn crusade is resultant of very high states of emotion. In a closed environment with dimmed lights, rhythmic music, and a highly charismatic leader dressed in gleaming white on stage, the energy is almost palpable. With adrenaline rushing, some begin to convince themselves that they feel better and, for a while, they do.

However, when the show is over and a new day dawns, the symptoms almost always reappear.

Notice that those who get on stage suffer from something that cannot be readily seen. If God is truly healing the sick through Benny Hinn, where are the Down's Syndrome children, the quadriplegics, the amputees?

I myself have a moderate case of Cerebral Palsy. As a teenager I went to see a faith healer and fully expected to walk away whole. I did not. That incident began my interest in the WOF movement and all these so-called faith healers and led me to recently

write my Master's thesis on Benny Hinn and his theology.

This series of articles is not intended as a personal attack but rather a call for discernment. Recall the words of Jesus: "For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders." (Matt. 24:24).

I close with words of encouragement. For those of you that suffer physically, pray that God will heal you. If you have enough faith to be saved, you certainly have enough faith to be healed.

Know, though, that it is not *always* God's will for us to be healed. If healing does not come, God's "peace that transcends all human understanding" (Phil. 4:7) and His "strength made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9) most certainly will.

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JUST FOR THE RECORD

Bayou Talla Fellowship Church, Kiln, announces an evening with Ernie Dawson and the Gospel group Heirline October 25 at 6 p.m. and October 26 at 10:30 a.m. The public is welcome. Admission is free and a love offering will be received. For more information call (228) 255-1118.

The Ladies' Ministry Team of **Sebastopol Church, Sebastopol,** will hold a ladies' retreat, Clean Hands and Pure Hearts, on October 17 from 7-9:30 p.m. and October 18 from 9 a.m.-noon. Stephanie Holden will be speaking. Dinner will be served Friday night and breakfast Saturday morning. The cost is \$10 and RSVP is requested. For more information, call (601) 625-9468 or (601) 625-8355.

The **Yalobusha Baptist Association** WMU/Men's Ministry Fall Meeting will be held October 6 at Bethel Church, Water Valley at 7 p.m. Stuart Calvert will be the guest speaker.

First Church, Maben, will hold a dedication service for

their newly renovated sanctuary in worship October 12 at 10:30 a.m. Former pastors and interim pastors who will participate are Randle Poss, Andrew Pittman, David Michel and Jim Ray, MBCB, and Tommy Temple, pastor. All are welcome. Lunch will be provided. For more information, call (662) 263-8377.

Broadmoor Church, Madison, will be the host site of the October 3-4 Surrender Conference. The event will be held from 7-10:30 p.m. on October 3 and 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on October 4. It is one of six Surrender Conferences held across the southeast, and presents an opportunity for Christian young people and for their church youth leaders to worship together and receive inspiration, training and instruction from gifted Christian artists and speakers. The conference is open to young people in grades 6-12, and any evangelical youth ministers who wish to attend. Leaders of the conference will be Joel Engle and his Christian praise band R81, while Georgia Baptist Convention youth min-

istry consultant Scott Kindig is the guest speaker. Tickets are \$30 and will be available at the door. To register or for more information call (601) 898-2345 or (601) 856-6058.

The **Finley Family**, a family band that plays and sings traditional to contemporary Bluegrass gospel music, Coquille, Ore., will be in concert at Society Hill Church, Oakvale, October 7 at 7 p.m.

Yazoo/Warren Association is hosting the THRIVE! Simulcast on November 15 at Bowmar Church, Vicksburg. Tickets are \$45. For ticket information, contact (601) 636-5026, (601) 638-2142, or deewolfel1@aol.com.

The **Rankin Baptist Association** will present the Annual Benefit Golf Tournament, Golfing For Families, at Bay Pointe Country Club October 23 for the Crossroads Counseling Center, Brandon. The 4-man scramble shotgun start is at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Entry fee is \$75 and you can form your own team. For more information, call (601) 939-6634.

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